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Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 5:39 AM

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Subject: FW: Marine Scientific Research Request 2018 IWC Cetacean Sighting Survey in the North Pacific U2018-002

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I know that you also receive MSR requests. FYSA, below is some amplifying information I requested on the sonobuoys being used for the proposed Marine Scientific Research Request 2018 IWC Cetacean Sighting Survey in the North Pacific U2018-002

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1. Type, make and model of the sonobuoys

They will all be either Sparton or Undersea Sensor Systems (manufacturer), and will be either 53E or 53F directional sonobuoys (type).

2. How many will be used?

Over the 60 day survey, no more than 240 sonobuoys will be deployed (it will likely be considerably less).

3. Deployment locations

Deployment locations will be along the trackline taken by the vessel, at least every 25 nmi.

4. Deployment timeframe

Deployment timeframe: they will be deployed almost immediately upon starting the survey, and will be deployed every 2-3 hours. The first sonobuoy is usually just before sunrise, and the last one is just before sunset. No sonobuoys are deployed during the night. If we detect a right whale (or other species of high interest), multiple buoys may be deployed simultaneously to localize on the calling animal.

5. What is anticipated lifespan of the buoys?

Each sonobuoy lasts 8 hours, after which it scuttles, the float pops, and it sinks to the bottom.

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Subject: RE: Marine Scientific Research Request 2018 IWC Cetacean Sighting Survey in the North Pacific U2018-002

(b) (6),

Would it be possible to request additional details about the sonobuoys that they plan to deploy?

1. Type, make and model of the sonobuoys
2. How many will be used?
3. Deployment locations
4. Deployment timeframe
5. What is anticipated lifespan of the buoys?

Thank you for your assistance.

Vr,

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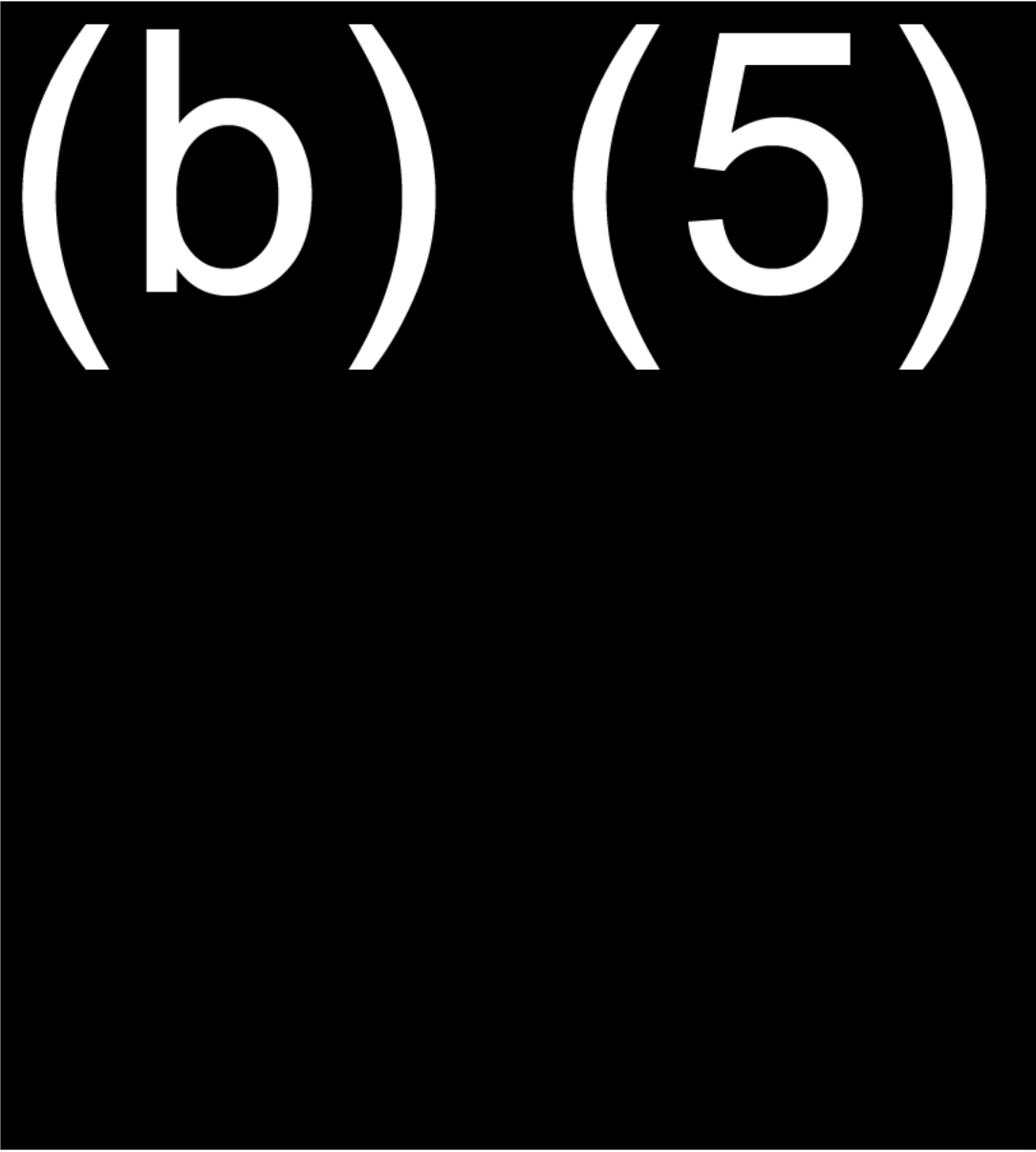
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FYSA

(b) (5). I've pdf'd the webpage (attached), but also provided the link below and a quick summary.

BLUF: A new scientific paper suggests that seismic activity may have been involved in a mass stranding death of whales along the Aleutian Islands.

EXCERPT:

NOAA Fisheries marine mammal experts contacted the U.S. Navy shortly after the 2018 mass stranding. It confirmed that they had not conducted training or testing activities using sonar or explosives anywhere in Alaskan waters since May 2017.

However, the U.S. Geological Survey's Alaska Volcano Observatory's monitors had detected human-caused seismic survey activity at regular intervals for hours at a time along the Aleutian Islands between July 5–20, 2018. Based on triangulation of data from multiple seismometers, the observatory determined the source of the noise likely centered about 40 miles northwest of Adak. Scientists still do not know the source of the seismic activity. Fourteen days passed between the last detection of the seismic activity and the discovery of the first whale that was part of the 2018 Adak mass stranding event. However, a link between the Stejneger's beaked whale mass stranding and the seismic activity cannot be ruled out.

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MEMORANDUM

Subj: DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Encl: (1) Marine Scientific Research application from Japan (State File U2018-002)

1. The U.S. Department of State Office of Oceans and Polar Affairs (DoS OPA) has requested review and commentary on a Marine Scientific Research application from Japan regarding 2018 IWC Cetacean Sighting Survey in the North Pacific proposed research in U.S. Pacific waters from July 8, 2018 to September 20, 2018, with port calls.
2. The purpose of the research is that during the 61st annual meeting of the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC/SC) in 2009, Japan presented a proposal and preliminary plan for a mid- to long-term research programme involving sighting surveys to provide information for cetacean stock management in the North Pacific. See additional enclosures for full details.
3. Your concurrence and/or comments are requested in order to forward a consolidated Navy reply to DoS OPA on or before June 25, 2018. Unless otherwise informed, DoS OPA will assume concurrence and approve the request. Please send any comments, questions, or concerns to me at (b) (6) .

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# What Caused the Largest Known Mass Stranding of Stejneger's Beaked Whales?

*March 19, 2021*

New scientific article is the first comprehensive paper on this elusive, deep-diving species

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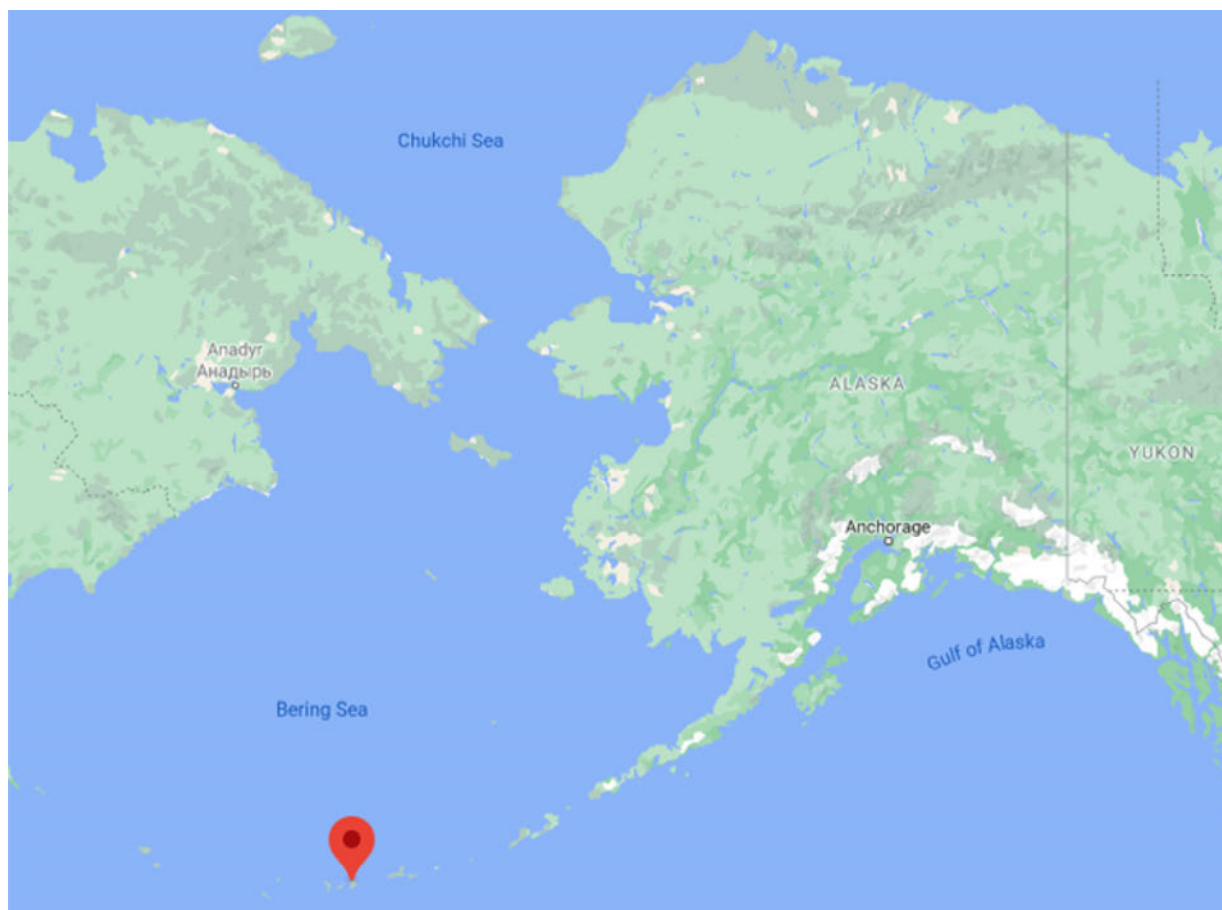


*Seven Stejneger's beaked whales that stranded at Palisades Point on Adak Island, Alaska.*

A new scientific paper suggests that seismic activity may have been involved in a mass stranding death of whales along the Aleutian Islands.

When whales strand along the shores of Alaska's remote and far-flung Aleutian Islands, they may never be discovered by humans. The chain of small, sparsely populated islands arc from the tip of the Alaska Peninsula west 1,100 miles to Attu Island.

Adak Island sits a little more than half-way between Unalaska—home to the nation's largest fishing port (Dutch Harbor) by volume of seafood landed—and Attu Island. It was the most westerly American base during World War II, providing a base for naval operations against Japanese garrisons. After the war, it became a U.S. military outpost through the U.S.-Soviet Cold War years until the base was closed in 1997. Most of Adak Island is uninhabited and managed as part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. An estimated 100 permanent residents still live on Adak, and up to 300 people may live on the island at any one time throughout the year. There is an influx of workers related to a seafood processing plant on the island.



*Adak Island is part of Alaska's Aleutian Archipelago.*

## The Mass Stranding

It was along the shores of NavFac Beach on Adak Island that Tom Spitler discovered a dead whale on August 3, 2018. He took photos of the carcass and showed them to his wife Lisa Spitler, an Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge biological technician stationed on Adak. She reported the stranding to NOAA Fisheries Alaska Regional Office. Biologists there determined through the photos that it was a rare occurrence: an adult female Stejneger's beaked whale.

Five days later a local man named Eddie Wine found seven additional stranded beaked whales floating among the rocks on Palisades Point on Adak. They were just 1.2 miles northeast of the beaked whale found earlier. After he and Lisa Spitler walked the length of shore taking photos, they reported their latest findings to NOAA Fisheries. NOAA marine mammal experts determined that these whales were Stejneger's beaked whales as well.



Within 24 hours, an experienced stranding response team arrived on Adak Island to investigate the mass stranding event.



*Stejneger's beaked whale found on NavFac Beach, Adak Island, Alaska on August 3, 2018.*

## Stejneger's Beaked Whale Strandings in Alaska

Stejneger's beaked whales are a poorly understood, deep-diving whale species found in the North Pacific Ocean. Dr. Leonhard Stejneger first described the species based on the skull of a young whale found in 1883. It was found on Russia's Bering Island, one of the westernmost islands in the Aleutian Island archipelago. The first documented specimen in Alaska was a single piece of the lower jaw that was found in the eastern Gulf of Alaska in 1927.

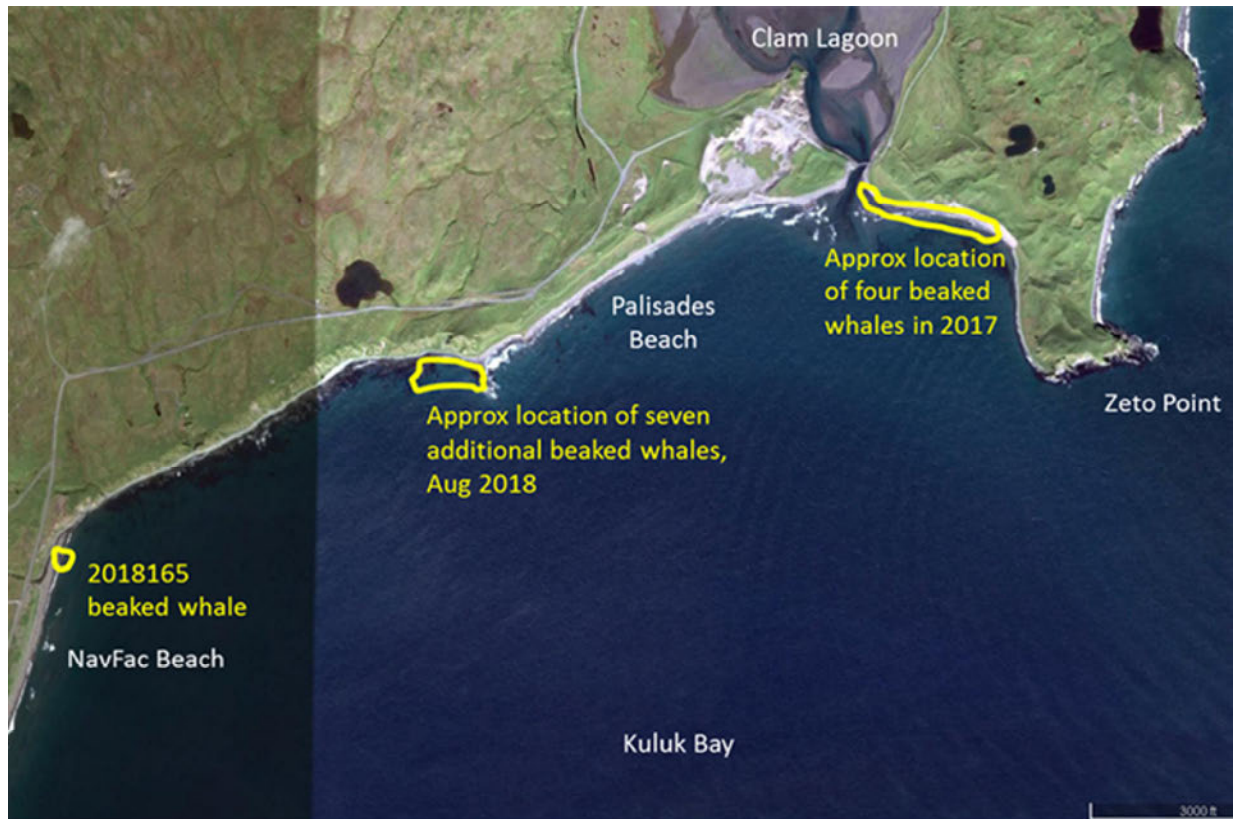
A new article, co-authored by members of NOAA Fisheries' Alaska Marine Mammal Stranding Network, was [recently published](#) in *Marine Mammal Science*. The paper states that there have been at least 74 Stejneger's beaked whale strandings in 42 separate events in Alaska since the discovery of the species. It is the first comprehensive and updated compilation of history, distribution, and findings of Stejneger's beaked whales in Alaska.

“This paper builds on Stejneger’s beaked whale strandings data in Alaska since relevant data were last published in 1994,” said the paper’s lead author and NOAA Fisheries veterinarian Dr. Kate Savage. “The information provided in this paper, combined with the prior published data, represents the majority of knowledge about Stejneger’s beaked whales in Alaska, and is critical for understanding the baseline condition of this elusive species in the face of a warming ocean.”

Findings detailed in the paper are central to our understanding of this species. The paper:

- Documented expansion of strandings into the northern Bering Sea, including details on an adult female found near Gambell on St. Lawrence Island in 2013. Previously recorded stranding events of the species in Alaska spanned from the eastern Gulf of Alaska to the southern Bering Sea.
- Characterized a sex bias—of the 26 Stejneger’s beaked whale carcasses stranded since 1995 in which sex could be determined, 22 (85 percent) were female and four (15 percent) were male.
- Confirmed that the species’ diet is predominantly squid, based on an examination of stomach contents from 17 whales by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. One stomach collected from a Stejneger’s beaked whale that stranded in the Aleutian Islands also contained a plastic cup lid likely ingested incidentally while targeting prey.
- Identified five parasites not previously documented in Stejneger’s beaked whales.

Of beaked whale species found in Alaska, Stejneger’s beaked whales are the most commonly reported stranded. Between 1995 and 2020, 35 beaked whales were reported stranded in 16 separate events in Alaska. Seven of the events were mass strandings involving a total of 24 animals. The mass strandings were all reported from the Aleutian Islands, indicating the Aleutian archipelago may be a hotspot for mass strandings of this species. In 2017, four Stejneger’s beaked whales mass stranded about 1.5 miles northeast of the 2018 mass stranding site. The 2018 event on Adak is the largest known mass stranding of Stejneger’s beaked whales.



*Satellite image showing the location of the eight Stejneger's beaked whales necropsied in August 2018, and the approximate location of the four Stejneger's beaked whales that stranded in July 2017 on Adak Island, Alaska.*

## Mass Stranding Examination

"Even though I'd seen photos, it didn't truly prepare me for the impact seeing all these dead beaked whales strewn amongst the rocks,"



said



*Sadie Wright and Sonia Kumar conduct a necropsy on one of the stranded whales.*

Sadie Wright, a member of the stranding response team with NOAA Fisheries Alaska Regional Office. "I kept asking myself why? Why are these eight dead adult female whales side-by-side on a beach together? They appeared otherwise healthy with no major external injuries. It was intriguing."

Wright, along with Sonia Kumar from Alaska Veterinary Pathology Services and Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge's Marc Webber, flew to Adak on August 11 to meet up with Lisa Spitler. The team brought supplies to collect and preserve samples from the whales. That evening they visited the carcasses on NavFac Beach and Palisades Point to assess the event and to take photographs.

The next morning the team began the necropsies—similar to an autopsy, but on an animal instead of a human. They collected various biological data such as length, body condition, and high-priority samples. Three local volunteers assisted with data collection, recording details, and photo documentation of the whales and the response activities.

Volunteer Eddie Wine took on the monumental task of removing the sand that the tide had deposited around the carcasses so that the necropsy team could access the full remains. He used a shovel and his hands to dig the sand out from around the heads and fluke, as well as the entire mid-dorsal to mid-ventral region. He also helped collect and prepare tissue samples for analysis, and helped prepare the skulls for various museums.

The necropsies lasted three full days. When possible, team members collected blubber, skin, muscle, and organ tissues as well as stomachs, reproductive tracts, feces, and internal parasites.

Scientists can learn a lot from the measurements and tissue samples collected. Blubber thickness can indicate the general health of each animal. Many organ tissues can be examined for damage, disease, infection, and possible contaminants. Feces can reveal if the whale was exposed to harmful algal blooms. Genetic material can determine how closely the stranded Stejneger's beaked whales are related to each other and other whale species. The reproductive tract provides current pregnancy status and reproductive history.



*Volunteer Eddie Wine digs sand out from around a whale so the necropsy team can access the full carcass.*

## The Mystery: Cause of Death

In assessing the cause of death in stranded marine mammals, scientists consider both natural and human-caused sources. Natural sources can include toxic blooms, parasites, viruses, and other diseases.

Globally, strandings and mass stranding of deep-diving whale species, such as beaked whales, have been causally linked to mid-frequency active sonar (MFAS) use by military operations. Previous research looked at the tissues in stranded beaked whales whose deaths were causally-linked to military sonar operations near the Canary Islands. They found hemorrhaged and congested tissues around the acoustic jaw fat, ears, brain, and kidney, and gas bubble-associated lesions and fat embolism in the vessels and tissues of vital organs. The result of this tissue damage is something akin to decompression sickness, caused by nitrogen supersaturation beyond levels that tissues can withstand.

Unfortunately, the carcasses of the eight 2018 Adak whales were too decomposed to determine the cause of death, including any possible evidence of sonar-associated

strandings. Additionally, at the time of the mass stranding in 2018, there was no passive acoustic monitoring in the region that could have established the presence of MFAS.

NOAA Fisheries marine mammal experts contacted the U.S. Navy shortly after the 2018 mass stranding. It confirmed that they had not conducted training or testing activities using sonar or explosives anywhere in Alaskan waters since May 2017.

However, the U.S. Geological Survey's Alaska Volcano Observatory's monitors had detected human-caused seismic survey activity at regular intervals for hours at a time along the Aleutian Islands between July 5–20, 2018. Based on triangulation of data from multiple seismometers, the observatory determined the source of the noise likely centered about 40 miles northwest of Adak. Scientists still do not know the source of the seismic activity. Fourteen days passed between the last detection of the seismic activity and the discovery of the first whale that was part of the 2018 Adak mass stranding event. However, a link between the Stejneger's beaked whale mass stranding and the seismic activity cannot be ruled out.

The data collected during stranding responses like this contributes to the best available science about a species. NOAA Fisheries will consider this research along with all other relevant research when making management decisions.

If you see injured, entangled or dead marine mammals, immediately call the NOAA Fisheries' Alaska Statewide 24-hour Stranding Hotline at (877) 925-7773.

*Fernandez et al 2005:* <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1354/vp.42-4-446> 

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**Attachments:** AKR Beaked Whales Webstory .docx  
**Importance:** High

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All,

I received the following email/attachment from NMFS public affairs staff. We provided comments to NOAA on a peer review publication they were developing on beaked whale strandings in Adak Alaska a couple of years ago. It seemed like that publication was dead or significantly delayed. This is the first outreach on this issue in over a year. It looks like they have moved forward with the publication:

Savage et al. 2021. Stejneger's beaked whale strandings in Alaska 1995-2020. Marine Mammal Science.

And the attached word document is a webstory that NOAA intends to roll out to coincide with the study's publication. They are allowing us a review of the webstory for input. I do not have a timeline for comments, but please provide input NLT COB Friday.

N4J – Do I need to reach out to CHINFO to clear this, or for situational awareness? What about DASNE?

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Good Morning (b) (6),

I'm forwarding this email sent to our public affairs mailbox from Julie Fair (NOAA Fisheries), re: review/clearance of her story.

Thanks and Vr (b) (6)

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[amplifying info MSR U2018-002.docx](#)

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All,

Attached are the Navy's comments for the Alaska beaked whale strandings webstory.

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Prior to 2017, the US did not require foreign nations to submit an MSR request for most research activities. However, the State Department modified request procedures and since then there has been an abundance of requests, in particular in the Pacific that have required review by US agencies for compatibility. State Department retains all records, but the Navy looked back at ones from 2018 and noticed two MSR applications around the time of the stranding at Adak. Attached are some of the preliminary document for one of the MSR requests at that time. You'd need to work with the State Department to get the final survey tracks, sound source deployments, etc. to conduct further investigation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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(b) (6),

Glad you have it. Just fyi, this came into our mailbox after COB yesterday and looks like they would like to post end of this week.

Take care and Best regards,

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(b) (6),

I received this email. I will distribute it to appropriate Navy staff to provide review/clearance. What is the timeline for this posting?

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Good Morning (b) (6),

I'm forwarding this email sent to our public affairs mailbox from Julie Fair (NOAA Fisheries), re: review/clearance of her story.

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Attached is what I submitted as the final product to NOAA. I did not include a direction them to check on MMPA permits, because I did that myself and I confirmed there were no IHA/LOAs issued for seismic or other activities in this region in the 2018 time period of the mass stranding. The only ones in and around Alaska were in the Beaufort Sea at the BP Northstar facility and in Cook Inlet.

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(b) (6) et al.,

I appreciate CPF's position, but since these press materials/peer review papers are being provided for Navy's review as a courtesy, we typically only provide edits when information is factually inaccurate. There is nothing

factually inaccurate about the two sentences (below) that are proposed to be included about the history of Adak re: military presence.

"It was the most westerly American base during World War II, providing a base for naval operations against Japanese garrisons. After the war, it became a U.S. military outpost through the U.S.-Soviet Cold War years until the base was closed in 1997."

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All,

I reviewed all edits received to date, and would like to submit the attached as the Navy's consolidated response.

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The period of review for the strandings was 1995-present, which mostly aligns with the period post-BRAC of the Navy base at Adak which is why the island is now so sparsely populated. (b) (5)

I spent some time looking up the history of the town/island and NMFS is correct that military presence is essentially the only reason the town existed at all. Prior to the early 19th century the island was used infrequently by Aleut tribes for hunting. Adak didn't really exist prior to the Army/Navy creating it as an outpost in 1942 during WWII to fend off

Japanese advance in the Aleutian Islands. The first time it was included in the census was in 1970 as the Adak Naval Station, it wasn't recognized as its own town until 2000. Peak habitation was 5-10K people when the base was operating and is now down to a few hundred people. The entire island, minus the National Wildlife refuge, was transferred to the Aleut Corporation after the base was BRAC'd and is essentially private property. (b) (5)

Summary of other edits:

(b) (5)

I will provide in the email transmittal the comments and documentation provided by CAPT (b) (6) for NMFS to check on MSR applications and MMPA permits as potential additional sources of anthropogenic noise that they may have overlooked.

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(b) (6), reviewed and have no additional comments (b) (5)

, Kodiak (west of GOA) to Adak is 1040 airline miles.

(b) (5)

These are only my comments. (b) (6) can weigh in with anything additional.

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(b) (6),

We provided them comments that they should go and inquire about MSR permits in the area. We gave them that input back in late 2019/early 2020, but we haven't had much engagement with NMFS in the last year to know if they investigated that or not. (b) (5)

They look at the earthquakes and seismic detections via the USGS Alaska Volcano Observatory only occurred at the Navy's prodding, when we provided them information showing detections relevant to a few of the strandings. I think (b) (6) actually found some of that information.

In the email providing our comments on the webstory, I will relay that if they want to do further inquiry we suggest they look into the MSR issue and MMPA permits again, and I will attach the documents you provided. (b) (5)

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(b) (6),

Some comments and proposed edits.

(b) (5)

We have all the documents related to ones that CPF was asked to review from OPNAV N3/5 and I glanced at some from 2018 today and notice at least two in that area around that time. And I pulled out one in attached files (more files related but these pieces caught my eye) which show sonobuoy use and track northwest of Adak requested in timeframe by a Japan vessel. (b) (5)

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(b) (6)

Some comments from me. Also cc:ing CPF personnel.

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All,

I received the following email/attachment from NMFS public affairs staff. We provided comments to NOAA on a peer review publication they were developing on beaked whale strandings in Adak Alaska a couple of years ago. It seemed like that publication was dead or significantly delayed. This is the first outreach on this issue in over a year. It looks like they have moved forward with the publication:

Savage et al. 2021. Stejneger's beaked whale strandings in Alaska 1995-2020. Marine Mammal Science.

And the attached word document is a webstory that NOAA intends to roll out to coincide with the study's publication. They are allowing us a review of the webstory for input. I do not have a timeline for comments, but please provide input NLT COB Friday.

N4J – Do I need to reach out to CHINFO to clear this, or for situational awareness? What about DASNE?

v/r

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Good Morning (b) (6),

I'm forwarding this email sent to our public affairs mailbox from Julie Fair (NOAA Fisheries), re: review/clearance of her story.

Thanks and Vrs (b) (6)

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(b) (6) - No problem.

All - I did receive word back from NOAA's public affairs officer - Julie Fair - that they are willing to accept all the edits we provided. I've asked them to let us know when the webstory goes live, so I will pass that along when I hear.

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(b) (6)

I see it all now and am good with what you provided. (b) (5)

with permitted and unpermitted, as well as the changes requested and not included, and some responses/answers were in the email and some in the body of the text, but I retraced all the steps (b) (5).  
(b) (5) pulling this all together and working through the conversation with me as CPF has wanted NMFS to review other sources and we didn't want to miss this opportunity. Sorry I was a bit slow on the uptake!

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One thing to keep in mind is that scientific permits are separate from incidental take permits, and they don't post the scientific permits.

Based on my review, there was no incidental take permits issued for this region for any action in the time frame of the stranding. There could have been a scientific permits, and (b) (6) will know that. It's also possible that the MSR activity may be unpermitted, which in that case the only way to track it would be through the State Department's approval of the survey, which we have directed them to look into.

I did provide all the information about the MSR surveys that (b) (6) provided to me to NOAA, just not in the main body of the comments on the webstory. They were attachments and addressed in my email.

I'm unclear on what else you want me to provide.

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That is my point... (b) (5)

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(b) (6)

I know NOAA receives these from the State Department, but NMFS has typically not required MSR activities to get MMPA permits. (b) (5)

That said, (b) (6) is aware of the webstory and article and is reviewing it from her shop, so if she knew of an MMPA permit that she issued in this area I am sure she would say something.

v/r

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(b) (6)

This has come up in discussion before, but if Japan (or any other foreign nation) was conducting a scientific survey in the Bering Sea, they wouldn't apply for a MMPA permit...rather the other nation's scientific surveys would have been routed for review through other government offices to include Navy's, but none of the foreign scientific survey notices that CPF has been reviewing over the last 10 years have applied for a MMPA permit. (b) (5)

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Attached is what I submitted as the final product to NOAA. I did not include a direction them to check on MMPA permits, because I did that myself and I confirmed there were no IHA/LOAs issued for seismic or other activities in this region in the 2018 time period of the mass stranding. The only ones in and around Alaska were in the Beaufort Sea at the BP Northstar facility and in Cook Inlet.

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(b) (6) et al.,

I appreciate CPF's position, but since these press materials/peer review papers are being provided for Navy's review as a courtesy, we typically only provide edits when information is factually inaccurate. There is nothing factually inaccurate about the two sentences (below) that are proposed to be included about the history of Adak re: military presence.

"It was the most westerly American base during World War II, providing a base for naval operations against Japanese garrisons. After the war, it became a U.S. military outpost through the U.S.-Soviet Cold War years until the base was closed in 1997."

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All,

I reviewed all edits received to date, and would like to submit the attached as the Navy's consolidated response.

(b) (5)

he period of review for the strandings was 1995-present, which mostly aligns with the period post-BRAC of the Navy base at Adak which is why the island is now so sparsely populated. (b) (5)



I spent some time looking up the history of the town/island and NMFS is correct that military presence is essentially the only reason the town existed at all. Prior to the early 19th century the island was used infrequently by Aleut tribes for hunting. Adak didn't really exist prior to the Army/Navy creating it as an outpost in 1942 during WWII to fend off Japanese advance in the Aleutian Islands. The first time it was included in the census was in 1970 as the Adak Naval Station, it wasn't recognized as its own town until 2000. Peak habitation was 5-10K people when the base was operating and is now down to a few hundred people. The entire island, minus the National Wildlife refuge, was transferred to the Aleut Corporation after the base was BRAC'd and is essentially private property. While the base had nothing to do with the strandings, and I don't think the language in the beginning implies that, and I agree with NMFS that you can't really discuss Adak without mentioning the military history since otherwise it wouldn't exist. I cut down the text a little bit, so let me know if the edits are acceptable.

Summary of other edits:

(b) (5)

I will provide in the email transmittal the comments and documentation provided by CAPT (b) (6) for NMFS to check on MSR applications and MMPA permits as potential additional sources of anthropogenic noise that they may have overlooked.

v/r

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(b) (6) reviewed and have no additional comments (b) (5)  
(b) (6)  
Kodiak (west of GOA) to Adak is 1040 airline miles.

(b) (5)

These are only my comments. (b) (6) can weigh in with anything additional.

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(b) (6)

We provided them comments that they should go and inquire about MSR permits in the area. We gave them that input back in late 2019/early 2020, but we haven't had much engagement with NMFS in the last year to know if they investigated that or not. (b) (5)

(b) (6)  
Their look at the earthquakes and seismic detections via the USGS Alaska Volcano Observatory only occurred at the Navy's prodding, when we provided them information showing detections relevant to a few of the strandings. I think (b) (6) actually found some of that information.

In the email providing our comments on the webstory, I will relay that if they want to do further inquiry we suggest they look into the MSR issue and MMPA permits again, and I will attach the documents you provided. (b) (5)

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(b) (6)

Some comments and proposed edits.

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We have all the documents related to ones that CPF was asked to review from OPNAV N3/5 and I glanced at some from 2018 today and notice at least two in that area around that time. And I pulled out one in attached files (more files related but these pieces caught my eye) which show sonobuoy use and track northwest of Adak requested in timeframe by a Japan vessel. (b) (5)

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Some comments from me. Also cc:ing CPF personnel.

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All,

I received the following email/attachment from NMFS public affairs staff. We provided comments to NOAA on a peer review publication they were developing on beaked whale strandings in Adak Alaska a couple of years ago. It seemed like that publication was dead or significantly delayed. This is the first outreach on this issue in over a year. It looks like they have moved forward with the publication:

Savage et al. 2021. Stejneger's beaked whale strandings in Alaska 1995-2020. Marine Mammal Science.

And the attached word document is a webstory that NOAA intends to roll out to coincide with the study's publication. They are allowing us a review of the webstory for input. I do not have a timeline for comments, but please provide input NLT COB Friday.

N4J – Do I need to reach out to CHINFO to clear this, or for situational awareness? What about DASNE?

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Good Morning (b) (6)

I'm forwarding this email sent to our public affairs mailbox from Julie Fair (NOAA Fisheries), re: review/clearance of her story.

Thanks and Vrs (b) (6)

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(b) (6) I have no additional comments.

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(b) (6)

Concur with your edits. In addition, suggest a minor edit to the paragraph below:

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Since AVO determined that the seismic activity were anthropogenic then recommend (b) (5)

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And the attached word document is a webstory that NOAA intends to roll out to coincide with the study's publication. They are allowing us a review of the webstory for input. I do not have a timeline for comments, but please provide input NLT COB Friday.

N4J – Do I need to reach out to CHINFO to clear this, or for situational awareness? What about DASNE?

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I'm forwarding this email sent to our public affairs mailbox from Julie Fair (NOAA Fisheries), re: review/clearance of her story.

Thanks and V/r (b) (6)

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Some comments from me. Also cc:ing CPF personnel.

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All,

I received the following email/attachment from NMFS public affairs staff. We provided comments to NOAA on a peer review publication they were developing on beaked whale strandings in Adak Alaska a couple of years ago. It seemed like that publication was dead or significantly delayed. This is the first outreach on this issue in over a year. It looks like they have moved forward with the publication:

Savage et al. 2021. Stejneger's beaked whale strandings in Alaska 1995-2020. Marine Mammal Science.

And the attached word document is a webstory that NOAA intends to roll out to coincide with the study's publication. They are allowing us a review of the webstory for input. I do not have a timeline for comments, but please provide input NLT COB Friday.

N4J – Do I need to reach out to CHINFO to clear this, or for situational awareness? What about DASNE?

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Good Morning (b) (6)


I'm forwarding this email sent to our public affairs mailbox from Julie Fair  
(NOAA Fisheries), re: review/clearance of her story.

Thanks and Vrs (b) (6)

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**Subject:** New SRKW prey paper -released yesterday

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